

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the suggestions offered by the Examiner to overcome the rejections of claim 14-16, which have been amended accordingly. Claims 4 and 5 are canceled. Applicant has also amended the remaining independent claims (claims 6, 10, and 18) to define features for the magnetic disk, namely: an axis of rotation, an outer perimeter, and a radial surface extending therebetween. Each of these features is physically inherent and clearly shown in Figure 1, as indicated by, for example, the dashed vertical line extending through the center of the disk 22.

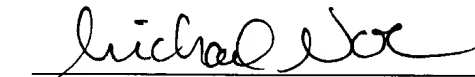
These features of the disk are used to define the position of the magnetic field generator relative to the disk. For example, in Figure 2, the generator or protrusions 14a1, 14a2 are *exclusively* located radially inboard of the outer perimeter of the disk between the outer perimeter of the disk and the axis of the disk. As shown in the drawings, the word “exclusively” is intended to denote that no portion of the protrusions 14a1, 14a2 is located radially outboard of the outer perimeter of the disk.

In contrast, *Bogdanski* clearly teaches a device 58, 60, 62 that extends from well outside (i.e., radially outboard) of the outer perimeter of its disk 26. In fact, *Bogdanski* teaches no other form of connection to its enclosure other than exclusively mounting its device radially outboard of the outer perimeter of its disk. Furthermore, since none of the other cited references show or describe any form of a magnetic field indicator, the claims are neither anticipated by nor obvious in view of the cited prior art. For example, *Tielemans* merely discloses a box-like enclosure, *Araki* only teaches material selection, and *Nagasoto* merely adds, at best, external magnetic fields being applied to disk enclosures.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance and favorable action is requested. No extension of time is believed to be required. However, in the event that

an extension of time is required, please charge that extension fee and any other required fees to
Hitachi Global Storage Technologies Deposit Account Number 50-2587.

Respectfully submitted,



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